REMARKS

Applicant has provided a species election (Group A) as required by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and has identified all of the claims (1-5, 7-10 and 12-22) which read on the elected species.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indications that:

- (i) upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of the claims to other species which include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.141; and
- (ii) at least claim 1 is generic to all of the identified species.

Applicant has made a number of typographic amendments to the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments add no new subject matter.

This application should now be in condition for allowance, and a statement to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the number listed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0750.

Respectfully submitted,

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